

MASSACHUSETTS VIOLENT DEATH REPORTING SYSTEM

2006

	HOMICIDE			SUICIDE			UNDETERMINED*		
	Count	Percent	Rate per 100,000	Count	Percent	Rate per 100,000	Count	Percent	Rate per 100,000
SEX									
Male	155	79.9	5.0	322	70.8	10.3	50	58.8	1.6
Female	39	20.1	1.2	133	29.2	4.0	35	41.2	1.1
Total	194	100.0	3.0	455	100.0	7.1	85	100.0	1.3
RACE/ETHNICITY									
White non-Hispanic	71	36.6	1.4	410	90.1	7.9	70	82.4	1.3
Black non-Hispanic	82	42.3	20.6	15	3.3	3.8	11	12.9	2.8
Asian	4	2.1	1.3	14	3.1	4.4	1	1.2	0.3
Hispanic	34	17.5	6.6	14	3.1	2.7	3	3.5	0.6
Other race/ethnicity	3	1.5	--	2	0.4	--	0	0.0	--
Total	194	100.0	3.0	455	100.0	7.1	85	100.0	1.3
AGE GROUP									
0-14	9	4.6	0.8	3	0.7	0.3	1	1.2	0.1
15-24	73	37.6	8.1	45	9.9	5.0	4	4.7	0.4
25-34	49	25.3	6.0	67	14.7	8.1	7	8.2	0.9
35-44	31	16.0	3.1	102	22.4	10.3	20	23.5	2.0
45-54	19	9.8	1.9	122	26.8	12.5	29	34.1	3.0
55-64	5	2.6	0.7	69	15.2	9.8	15	17.6	2.1
65-74	7	3.6	1.7	23	5.1	5.6	4	4.7	1.0
75-84	0	0.0	0.0	16	3.5	5.2	5	5.9	1.6
85+	1	0.5	0.7	8	1.8	5.9	0	0.0	0.0
Total	194	100.0	3.0	455	100.0	7.1	85	100.0	1.3
MARITAL STATUS (Ages 15+)									
Married	28	15.1	1.1	138	30.5	5.2	16	19.0	0.6
Never Married	146	78.9	8.1	196	43.4	10.9	39	46.4	2.2
Widowed	1	0.5	0.3	17	3.8	5.0	6	7.1	1.8
Divorced	10	5.4	2.1	101	22.3	21.5	23	27.4	4.9
Total	185	100.0	3.5	452	100.0	8.6	84	100.0	1.6
YEARS OF EDUCATION (Ages 25+)									
0-8	7	6.3	3.3	14	3.4	6.5	3	3.8	1.4
9-12	79	70.5	5.1	213	52.3	13.9	49	61.3	3.2
13-16	24	21.4	1.3	135	33.2	7.0	20	25.0	1.0
17+	1	0.9	0.1	44	10.8	6.5	6	7.5	0.9
Total	112	100.0	2.6	407	100.0	9.4	80	100.0	1.8
TOTAL	194	100.0	3.0	455	100.0	7.1	85	100.0	1.3

Source: Massachusetts Violent Death Reporting System, Injury Surveillance Program, Massachusetts Department of Public Health

• Data were extracted and compiled by the Injury Surveillance Program, Bureau for Health Information, Statistics, Research and Evaluation, MDPH, October 2008

• Analysis is based on a calendar year (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2006) and analyzed by ICD-10 code.

• Data is for occurrent deaths only. Massachusetts residents who died out-of-state are excluded from this analysis.

• Rates are not calculated on counts of less than five. Rates that are based on counts less than twenty may be unstable.

• Rates provided here are crude rates.

• Population data used to calculate rates are based on 2006 population estimates generated by the National Center for Health Statistics in collaboration with the US Census Bureau (www.cdc.gov/nchs/about/major/dvs/popbridge/popbridge.htm).

• For additional information and technical notes, please refer to the annual report, "Violent Deaths in Massachusetts: Surveillance Update," which can be found at www.mass.gov/dph/isp

* In 2005, a change in policy at the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner caused poisoning deaths previously assigned a manner of undetermined intent to be assigned a manner of accident/unintentional and thus, are no longer captured in the MAVDRS database.

